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Docket No.: P-8896.00

**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

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In re Application of: Steven D. Goedeke et al.      Group Art Unit: 2654  
Application No.: 09/731,178      Examiner: M. Opsasnick  
Filing Date: December 6, 2000  
For: AUTOMATIC VOICE AND DATA RECOGNITION FOR  
IMPLANTED MEDICAL DEVICE INSTRUMENT SYSTEMS

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**RESPONSE TO FINAL OFFICE ACTION**

Commissioner for Patents  
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**INTRODUCTORY COMMENTS**

The following is in response to the Final Office Action mailed August 6, 2004,  
having a three-month statutory period for response set to expire on November 6, 2004.

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